
By: **Harford County Senators**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - Harford County - Public Library - Board of Trustees**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the number of members on the Harford County Public
4 Library Board of Trustees; requiring the members of the Board to be appointed
5 on a fiscal year basis; and generally relating to the Harford County Public
6 Library Board of Trustees.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Education
9 Section 23-403
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2001 Replacement Volume)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article - Education**

15 23-403.

16 (a) (1) [Each] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS
17 SUBSECTION, EACH board of library trustees consists of seven members appointed by
18 the county governing body from nominees submitted by the board of library trustees.

19 (2) A board that existed before 1945 under a corporate charter may
20 continue as constituted if:

21 (i) It has at least seven members;

22 (ii) The members are chosen on the basis of character, ability, and
23 demonstrated interest in library matters; and

24 (iii) The members meet the qualifications required under subsection
25 (b) of this section.

1 (3) IN HARFORD COUNTY, THE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
2 CONSISTS OF AT LEAST 7 MEMBERS BUT NOT MORE THAN 11 MEMBERS APPOINTED
3 BY THE COUNTY GOVERNING BODY FROM NOMINEES SUBMITTED BY THE BOARD OF
4 TRUSTEES.

5 (b) The members of the board shall be:

6 (1) Representative of the area the library serves; and

7 (2) Residents of the county that the library serves.

8 (c) (1) Except as provided in [subsection (d)] SUBSECTIONS (D) AND (E) of
9 this section, a member of a board serves for a term of 5 years and until a successor is
10 appointed and qualifies. These terms are staggered as required by the terms of the
11 members serving on the board as of July 1, 1978.

12 (2) Except as provided in paragraph (4) of this subsection, a member may
13 be reappointed but may not serve more than two consecutive terms.

14 (3) A member appointed to fill a vacancy in an unexpired term:

15 (i) Serves only for the remainder of that term and until a successor
16 is appointed and qualifies; and

17 (ii) Is eligible for appointment to serve two additional consecutive
18 terms.

19 (4) A member of the board of the Prince George's County Memorial
20 Library System may serve an unlimited number of consecutive terms of office.

21 (d) In Charles County, a member of the board serves for a term of 4 years.

22 (e) IN HARFORD COUNTY, A MEMBER OF THE BOARD SERVES FOR A TERM OF
23 5 YEARS, BEGINNING ON JULY 1, AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND
24 QUALIFIES.

25 (F) Each member of a board serves without compensation.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
27 effect October 1, 2002.